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Virginia Educational Technology Advisory Committee

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Hanover High School
10307 Chamberlayne Road
Mechanicsville, VA 23116
May 10, 2005
10:00 a.m.

Minutes

Attendance
Jim Carroll, Chair – Medium School Division
Susan Clair – Department of Correctional Education
Janet Coppenhaver – Regional Study Group VI Representative
Bill Dotson – Virginia Society for Technology in Education
Janet Duff – Virginia Association of Elementary School Principals
Bill Flaherty – Virginia Association of School Business Officials
Phyllis Geron – Virginia Electronic Student Information Systems
Fraser Getgood – Virginia Association of Science Teachers
Joe Hill – Regional Study Group V Respresentative
Harley Miles – Charlottesville City Public Schools
Paul Nichols – Representing Virginia Association of School Superintendents for Paul Stapleton
Royce Paige – Virginia School Boards Association
Zahrl Schoeny – Virginia Association of Colleges of Teacher Education
Marilyn Walls – Regional Study Group I Representative
Sherry Ward – Virginia Council for Private Education
Melissa Warren – Virginia State Reading Association

Department of Education Personnel
Lan Neugent – Department of Education Advisor
Gloria Barber – Director, Office of Educational Technology
Jason Ellis – Office of Educational Technology
Linda Holt – Office of Educational Technology
Charlie Makela – Office of Educational Technology
Julie Mersiowsky – Office of Educational Technology
Mark Saunders – Office of Educational Technology
Richard Schley – Office of Educational Technology
Greg Weisiger - Associate Director, Teleproductions
Joyce White – Office of Educational Technology
Flora Cosby – Office of Educational Technology

Opening: The meeting was called to order by Jim Carroll, Chair. He thanked Bill Flaherty for hosting the meeting. He also welcomed Paul Stapleton as a new member. Jim announced the Educational Technology Leadership Conference in December at the Roanoke Hotel and Conference. Lan commended the group and acknowledged the Technology Counts article that commended Virginia for the online testing of standards.

Minutes: The minutes were approved as submitted. The motion was from Paul Nichols and seconded by Zahrl Schoeny.

OLD BUSINESS
Administrator Technology Competencies: Jim made a call to use the expertise of the group to work various issues including these Competencies. The committee broke into assigned work groups to review the Competencies and make suggestions for improvement and moving forward.
1. Group I reported the following through Jim Carroll – Market at all levels, school board, professional organizations, and administrators and show relationships between tech and student achievement.
2. Group II reported the following through Bill Flaherty – Develop individual checklist of what to look for in the classroom and for themselves.
3. Group III reported the following through Susan Clair - Use the existing VITAL model to both market and implement. Administrators are comfortable with the VITAL training and structure to include a needs assessment. And DOE could develop online courses. Mentoring is another way to implement and perhaps assess.
4. Group IV reported the following through Paul Nichols– Concurred on the use of VITAL. And have administrators pass off on these competencies. Also, that new administrators in training have these expectations. Make a technology plan (a school technology plan) part of the training of new administrators.
5. Group V reported the following through Joe Hill - Perhaps change "use" to "integrate". Integrate technology into the evaluation process by using mobile technology when in the classroom for evaluation. "Integration of technology into something he is already doing and required to do."
6. Group VI reported the following through Jason Ellis- Marketing by Brochure on Case Studies, "Tech Gone Bad", to grab the attention and call their attention to the potential consequences, pitfalls, and "opportunities" as well as good possibilities. Use that brochure as point of discussion on various levels.

The next steps were delineated by Lan Neugent. As modifications are made DOE will meet with licensure to follow the procedures to get standards in place. Follow up report to be given at the VETAC fall meeting.

Future meetings will include a work session of similar structure on different topics.

Computer/Technology SOL Revision Update: Charlie Makela reported that there will be a public hearing on May 25th at the DOE after the regular board meeting. There will be a sign up sheet for those who would like to speak. Address comments and concerns to Charlie or Lan. They are similar to the ISTE standards. There is also a crosswalk between the old standards and the new ones so that schools that have correlated curriculum will have a reference point. Lan suggested that proponents sign up to speak positively to counter any negative wild card that may show up at the meeting.

Interoperability Framework Update: Lan Neugent reported that DOE is working with VIMS to develop a plan to spread SIF throughout the commonwealth. SIF is a state membership and is developing a next release. 24 million dollars - Apply for a grant to do electronic transcript that is integrated with student information system. This would require SIF.

Legislative Update: Lan Neugent reported that the General Assembly continued the bond sales for two years and the online testing extended to 2009. The zeroing out of the competitive and non-competitive grants is under consideration. Orin Hatch has put forth language to restore that package. Lan thanked everyone who sent letters. Letters can still be sent.

NEW BUSINESS

Pending E-Rate Legislation: Greg Weisiger reported that School divisions have applied for 31 million dollars from e-rate. The e-rate was shut down in compliance with the Anti-Deficiency act. Congress is considering a permanent waiver so this doesn't happen again. The FCC is under investigation by the GAO for mishandling the program. Greg suggests that there is strong support in the Senate and therefore recommends that VETAC watch this situation and not get involved at this point. More audits have been funded. Site visits for best practices are happening. Treat them as an audit. See Greg for help if you are in this situation.

Technology Resource Teacher Guidelines Update: – Jason Ellis reported that the Technology Resource Teacher guidance document is at DOE for editing and review. The guidance document contains a description of the position as well as implementation guidelines and examples. It may go out as a Superintendent memo or as a document from the DOE. Jason will distribute a rough draft if requested. There is no current plan for making a license endorsement requirement. There was a reiteration that the TRC are not to be classroom teachers but as a resource to the classroom teachers.

Identification/Discussion of Topics for 2005-06 VETAC meetings: – Groups met to discuss possible topics and then reported out.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Linda Holt reported
-There will be no banquet for the Leadership Conference. The awards will be given at the second general session.
-Calls for a technology leader from each region has gone out to superintendents and a state-wide technology leader will be chosen from those.
-Charlie Makela reported that the AOL awards will be given on June 14th at Hotel Jefferson.

ADJOURNMENT – Motion to adjourn was made by Bill Flaherty and seconded by Marilyn Walls. The meeting was adjourned by Jim Carroll.